Partnership agreement between State Governments of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan and Central Government on Hydro-Electric Projects

† 2475. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agreement on partnership in hydro-electricity projects had been signed between the Central Government and the Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether Rajasthan is being given its allotted share in accordance with terms of the agreement; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) An agreement had been signed between the States of Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab and Government of India on 10.05.1984 regarding supply of cooling water for Ropar Thermal Power station and commissioning of Anandpur Sahib Hydei Project. It was agreed that the claims of Haryana and Rajasthan for sharing of power in Anandpur Sahib, Mukerian, Thein Dam, UBDC-Stage-ll and Shahpur Kandi hydei projects would be referred by Government of India to the Hon'ble Supreme Court for its opinion as to whether the Stages of Rajasthan and Haryana are entitled to a share in the power generated from these projects and if they are, then what would be the share of each State.

The matter has not been referred to the Supreme Court. However, in order to resolve the issue amicably, a number of formal and informal discussions have taken place since 1984. So far, no consensus has emerged due to divergent views. Further, consequent upon the enactment of the Punjab Termination of Agreements Act, 2004 by the Government of Punjab terminating all its agreements on sharing of water with the other States, Union Government has referred the matter to the Hon'ble Supreme Court for seeking its advice.

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